Bruning Challenges EPA Greenhouse Gas Standards

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LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced Nebraska is filing suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) greenhouse gas standards for new power plants.

"The impossible standards imposed by the EPA will ensure no new power plants are built in Nebraska," said Bruning. "This federal agency continues to overstep its authority at the detriment of Nebraska businesses."

Bruning's challenge comes under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which prohibits the EPA from considering federally-funded projects when determining the appropriate form of control technology. Contrary to the Act, the EPA proposed greenhouse gas standards based on three inoperable coal plants which have received more than \$2.5 billion in federal subsidies. The EPA referenced the inoperable plants as evidence to support Carbon Capture and Storage technology should be the standard for all new coal plants.

A copy of the complaint can be found here.

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